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A PROCLAMATION

For discovering such as own, or will not disown a late Treasonable *Declaration* of War against His Majesty, and the Horrid Principle of Assassination.

Present in COUNCIL.

Earl of *Perth*, Lord High Chancellor.
Lord Arch-bishop of St. *Andrews*
Duke of *Queensberry*, Lord High Theasurer.
Lord Arch-bishop of *Glasgow*.
Marquess of *Douglas*.
Earl of *Drumlanrig*.
Earl of *Mar*.
Earl of *Glencairn*.
Earl of *Strathmore*
Earl of *Southesque*.
Earl of *Panmure*.
Earl of *Tweddale*.
Earl of *Belcarres*.
Earl of *Kintore*.
Lord *Yester*.
Lord *Kynnaird*,
L. President of the Session.
L. Register.
L. Advocat.
L. Justice-Clerk.
L. *Castle-hill*.
Gos-foord.

CHARLES, by the Grace of God, King of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith; To Our Lyon King at Arms, and his bretheren Heraulds, Macers of Our Privy Council, Pursevants; and Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch, as several Insolent, and Desperat Rebels, having frequently refused the reiterated Offers of Our Clemency, have of late associated themseves under a pretended From of Government, in Societies, Fellowships, *&c.* And have in their Meetings at last pulled off the Mask, under which they formerly endeavoured to Disguise their Bloudy and Excrable Principles, and openly and avowedly declared in a late Treasonable Paper, emitted by them, and affixt at several Paroch Churches; (Intituled, The **Apologetical Declaration, and Admonitory Vindication of the Presbyterians of the Church of** *Scotland*, especially anent Intelligencers and Informers) That they have disowned Us and Our Authority, and have declared War against Us; and from that do infer, that it is not only lawful, but a Duty upon them, to Kill and Murder all who do any manner of way serve Us, or bear Charge under Us, or who do assist Our Judicatures, or Forces, in the Execution of Our Laws (Principles inconsistent with all Government and Society, and tending to the Destruction of the Lives of Our Loyal and Honest Subjects) Therefore We, with advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, do hereby Ordain, That whosoever shall own the said most Execrable and Treasonable **Declaration**, or Assassinations therein mentioned, and the Principles therein specified, or whosoever shall refuse to disown the same, in so far as it declares a War against His Sacred Majesty, and asserts that it is lawful to Kill such as serve in Church, State, Army, or Countrey, shall be Try'd, and Executed to the Death; And furder, We hereby Require and Command, all Our Good Subjects, especially these Dwelling in the Southern and Western Shires of this Our ancient Kindom, besouth the River of *Tay*, that they be ready upon all occasions, to concur with Our Magistrates and Officers, in Seeking, Searching, and apprehending; and that they, and each of them do their outmost Endeavour, to Seek, Scearch, delate, and apprehend any who shall own the said **Apologetical Declaration**, and the Treacherous and Assassinating Principles therein mentioned, or refuse to disown the same, as said is; Certifying them, if they fail herein they shall be Proceeded against, for their said Colluson and Connivance, with the outmost severity of Our Laws: As also, that when they are Required, they shall actually concur to keep and secure (as Prisoners) the said Rebels, when they are taken; and to Search for, and drive away their Goods, when Required by those Commissionated by Us. And since these Rebles, are Declareing their Helish Intentions, for the better performance of their mischievous Designs, to lurk in secret, and are never discerned, but in the Acts of their Horrid Assassinations, and passing up and down unknown amongst Our Loyal Subjects, take opportunity to Murder and Assassinat, and it being necessary to provide a Remedy against so imminent a danger which cannot be so well done, as when the good are differenced from the bad by Discriminating Signs; and least constant Inqueries may occasion a continual trouble, even to Our good Subjects; Therefore as a Remedy for these Inconveniences. We Declare it to be Our Royal Will and Pleasure: and We hereby Command and Require, all Our Subjects within this Our ancient Kingdom, both Men and Women, past the Age of Sixteen years, not to presume to Travel, with out Testificats of their Loyalty, and good Principles, which they are to have in manner following. And We hereby Command all Heretors, Liferenters and Wodsetrers; and in their absence, their Factors and Chamberlains, to Convocat all the Inhabitants upon their Lands, in every respective Paroch, and to bring them before any of Our Privy Counsellors, or Our Commissioners appointed by Our Council, in the Shires and bounds underwritten, *viz.*, *Lanerk*, *Renfrew*, *Air*, *Dumbartoun*, *Stirling*, *Nithsdale*, and Stewartry of *Annandal Wigtoun*, and Stewartry of *Kirkcudbright*, *Berwick*, *Selkirk*, *Fife*, and *Kinross*, Mid-West, and East *Lothians*, and *Bathgate*, (including Our City of *Edinburgh*, with the Suburbs, and Liberies thereof) and Bounds betwixt *Spey* and *Noss*, (including *Strath-Spey*, and *Abernethy*) or any three of them, or before the Sheriffs of the Shire, where there are no such Commission, to deliver to them, an exact List of the Names of all their Inhabitants; and the Master and all the Inhabitents, shall in solemn manner in presence of the saids Commissioners, take the folloing Oath.

I A. B. *Do hereby Abhore, Renounce, and disown, in presence of the Almighty God, the pretended* Declaration *of War, lately affixed at several Paroch Churches, in so far as it declares a War against His Sacred Majesty, and asserts that it is Lawful to Kill such as serve his Majesty in Church State, Army, or Countrey.*

And such as can subscrive. are to subscrive the same on a large Sheet of Paper for every Paroch, and on performance thereof, the saids Commissioners are hereby ordained to deliver to every such Person a Testificate of the tenor following, to wit: *We* A. B. *&c. Do by these testifie and declare that* C. *in the Paroch of* D. *did compear before us, and on his or her solemn Oath, before Almighty God, did Abjure and Renounce the late Traiterous Apologetical* Declaration, *in so far as it declares a War against His Majesty. and asserts, that it is lawful to Kill such as serve His Majesty in Church State, Army, or Countrey.* Which Testificate we declare is to serve for a free Pass to all who have the same for all time thereafter, and shall preserve them from all molestation and trouble in going about their Affairs; and if it shall happen any of the saids Testificates to be lost by the Persons who receive the same. that they are to have them renewed by these who first granted them, and the Ministers of the respective Paroches; Certifying hereby all such who shall adventure to Travel without a Testificate in manner foresaid, that they shall be holden and used as Concurrers with the foresaids execrable Rebels, and as guilty of the foresaid Treasonable **Declaration**, and accessory to the designs therein. And to the effect this Our Will and Pleasure may be made known to all concerned, We hereby require and command all Our Sheriffs, and Magistrates of our Royal Burrows *respective*, to cause intimate the same at all the Paroch Churches within this Kingdom, upon the Lords Day, after Divine Service, and that with all possible Diligence. And that the Heretors, Liferenters, and Wodsetters in every Paroch, give in their foresaids lists before the regular incumbent Minister, and such a Person or Persons as shall be appointed by the *Sheriff* and *Stewart* of each Shire and Stewartry, within the space of fifteen Days after the said intimation at the Paroch Churches *respective*; And in case it shall happen any to be absent from their Residences at that time upon lawful occasion, their Master shall take a competent day to produce, them, conform to the distance of the Place; and all who are otherways absent, and for whom their Masters will not engage in manner foresaid, shall be considered as Fugitives, their Families Seized on in order to their Transportation, and their Goods inventar'd and secur'd; And it is hereby declared, that the Master shall be answerable that none of the Goods of the saids persons be taken off the Ground until those employed by us shall intromit with them: And if any of these who compear shall own the said Traiterous **Declaration**, and the Principles and Practices therein asserted, and shall refuse to disown the same in manner obove-prescrived, the saids Commissioners are hereby required instantly to secure and Apprehend their Persons, and carry them to the next *Burg*, *Sheriff*, *Bailiff* of Regality, or any of Our Forces who are neareſt, and any who shall recieve them, are hereby Required to carry them to the sureſt Prison next adjacent, there to be kept, till Our Council shall be acqnainted therewith, and give Order therein; and the Apprehenders are hereby impowred to call to their Assistance, such of Our Lieges as they shall think fit, for Executeing of Our Commands; And if any shall refuse to concur, We Declare they are to be holden as Concurrers with, and Assisters of these Rebels; And that if any Heretor, Liferenter, or Wodsetter shall fail doing as aforesaid, they shall be holden as guilty of the foresaids Crimes, and Pursued and Punnished Accordingly: And we no hereby strictly Prohibite and Discharge all Our Lieges whether to Burgh or Land, as well as all other House-keepers, as Hostler-houses, Inn-Keepers, and other Houses of common Resort, to harbour, Lodge, or entertain any Person whatsoever unless they have such Certificates as is above Prescrived, under the pain of being Punished as Resetters of, and Intercommuners with Rebels. And for further security, and prevention of Fraud, it is hereby Required that the users and havers of the foresaids Testificates, shall be holden and oblig'd to swear, that these Testificates are true and unforg'd Testificates. and that the are the Persons mentioned and expres'd in them, if the same shall be required of them. And Finally, for the encouragement of such as shall discover any of the saids Traitors and Assines, or any who have been any wayes in accession to the said Traiterous and Damnable Paper, or to the Publishing and spreading of the same, as said is, or to have been a Member of the saids pretended Soscieties and Fellowships, *&c.* We hereby declare and ensure to them, and every one of them who shall discover any of these Assassinats, or pretended Members, a Reward of the sum of five hundred Marks Scots, for each of them who shall be discovered, so as to be Apprehended and found Guilty. And to the effect that all Our Lieges may have notice of our Pleasure in the Premisses; Our will is, and We Charge you strictly and Command, that in continent, these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat Cross of *Edinburgh*, and remanet Mercat Crosses of the whole Head Burghs of the Shires of this Kingdom, and there, in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclaimation, make Publication of these Presents, that all Persons concerned may give exact and punctual Obedience thereunto, as they will be answerable at their highest Peril. And We Ordain these Presents to be Printed.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, *the thretty day of* December, 1684. *years; and of Our Reign, the threttieth and sixth Year.*

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.
WILL. PATERSON, *Cler. Sti Concilii.*

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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